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INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY IN TASMANIA.

This table summarizes the trend of business activity shown by certain of the major indicators contained in the following tables of this publication:—

Period	Wage and Salary Earners in Civilian Employment (Excluding Rural and Female Private Domestic) (a)			Wholesale Trade—Net Sales Recorded Under Sales Tax Acts	Building Permits Tasmania (b)	New Houses Completed (c)	State Railways—Gross Revenue	Bank Debits to Customers' Accounts (Weekly Average) (d)	P.M.G.'s Department Receipts (e)
	Males	Females	Total						
	No.	No.	No.	£'000. (f)	£'000. (f)	No. (g)	£ (f)	£'000	£ (f)
1947-48	54,522	18,027	72,549	1,604	348	386	79,829	3,947	72,990
1948-49	56,802	18,709	75,511	2,068	489	572	87,259	4,699	76,394
1949-50	58,380	19,380	77,760	2,168	698	713	94,915	5,605	88,433
1950-51	60,784	20,366	81,150	2,809	904	979	113,043	7,370	99,812
1951-52	61,756	19,892	81,648	3,525	835	1,000	150,629	8,856	135,685
1952-53	62,201	20,179	82,380	3,440	666	829	170,784	8,850	144,806
1953-54	63,578	21,195	84,773	3,821	902	658	181,608	9,938	157,088
1954-55	65,079	21,839	86,918	4,488	1,067	620	194,359	10,716	165,209
1955-56	65,791	23,225	89,016	4,703	1,036	680	212,064	11,621	175,203
1956-57	65,977	22,925	88,902	5,200	1,290	690	211,021	12,671	199,617
1957-58	67,011	23,470	90,481	5,744	1,135	641	214,103	12,983	223,391
1958-59	67,627	23,348	90,975	6,095	1,150	644	225,550	13,767	234,846
1959-60	69,365	24,176	93,541	6,553	1,632	619	233,482	15,369	272,573
1960-61	69,095	24,295	93,390	6,803	1,265	622	227,704	16,234	302,611
1961-62	69,541	24,690	94,231	5,633	1,575	599	224,917	16,081	314,045
1958-59—									
January	67,676	23,078	90,754	6,964	1,019	611	186,584	10,399	223,326
February	68,018	22,857	90,875	6,018	988		233,488	13,870	190,233
March	68,179	23,127	91,306	5,094	1,159		235,245	14,226	180,072
April	68,089	23,691	91,780	7,174	1,280		235,256	15,302	296,986
May	67,885	23,488	91,373	6,457	1,438		235,052	15,621	252,704
June	67,627	23,348	90,975	6,973	1,192		242,301	14,584	259,820
1959-60—									
July	67,827	23,021	90,848	4,797	1,452	619	236,819	15,525	249,359
August	67,897	22,650	90,547	5,716	1,640		229,709	13,831	203,497
September	68,051	22,764	90,815	6,940	1,390		236,397	14,647	187,583
October	68,590	22,952	91,542	6,205	1,771		249,510	14,125	304,084
November	68,656	23,160	91,816	6,411	2,863		237,813	15,190	276,362
December	68,964	23,731	92,695	6,450	1,940		227,867	17,563	294,571
January	69,867	24,056	93,923	7,272	858		194,981	12,849	260,432
February	69,562	23,877	93,439	6,082	1,367		240,905	14,519	267,746
March	69,676	23,945	93,621	7,096	1,466		268,896	15,838	266,044
April	69,687	24,256	93,943	5,078	1,277		220,637	16,178	284,093
May	69,622	24,286	93,908	8,552	1,669		231,698	17,218	355,435
June	69,365	24,176	93,541	8,042	1,887		226,555	16,941	321,673
1960-61—									
July	69,457	23,997	93,454	5,796	1,219	633	208,796	17,280	309,419
August	69,447	23,633	93,080	5,946	1,718		247,098	15,133	284,742
September	69,352	23,608	92,960	8,216	1,747		253,465	15,460	238,484
October	69,636	23,606	93,242	5,522	1,007		232,942	16,560	342,282
November	69,807	23,888	93,695	7,798	1,589		246,618	15,814	335,713
December	70,223	24,550	94,773	5,544	1,052		220,464	18,490	284,528
January	70,287	24,125	94,412	7,631	851		176,026	15,124	341,083
February	70,329	24,740	95,069	6,514	1,013		224,472	14,842	294,146
March	70,282	24,654	94,936	6,418	1,071		243,426	16,682	268,399
April	70,034	24,723	94,757	7,439	1,287		208,740	15,937	297,134
May	69,657	24,543	94,200	7,793	1,331		239,766	17,419	344,918
June	69,095	24,295	93,390	7,022	1,292		230,638	16,071	290,488
1961-62—									
July	68,951	23,910	92,861	5,956	1,776	534	202,433	16,449	333,161
August	68,888	23,718	92,606	6,659	2,588		220,302	13,962	298,491
September	68,656	23,450	92,106	5,865	1,921		214,237	14,531	279,510
October	68,477	23,391	91,868	6,919	1,191		228,351	16,176	325,644
November	68,823	23,676	92,499	6,619	1,150		234,096	14,736	328,583
December	69,580	24,197	93,777	4,922	1,473		199,582	16,925	302,302
January	69,514	23,751	93,265	8,439	1,158		204,824	13,490	330,845
February	69,632	24,339	93,971	5,896	1,428		234,764	15,198	302,388
March	69,831	24,714	94,545	6,929	2,558		266,074	17,551	297,987
April	69,841	24,747	94,588	4,862	897		221,713	16,266	307,876
May	70,000	24,628	94,628	8,219	1,477		253,076	19,806	348,630
June	69,541	24,690	94,231	6,316	1,286		219,550	17,930	313,125
1962-63—									
July	(h)	(h)	(h)	8,253	1,556	(h)	(h)	18,683	357,748

- (a) Excludes permanent Defence Forces in Australia or Overseas and National Service trainees in camp. (See Note (b) on page 4.) Figures shown opposite financial years are for the month of June.
- (b) Includes permits issued by local government authorities and contracts let, work commenced and day labour projects authorised by government authorities.
- (c) Includes owner-built houses.
- (d) Cheque-paying banks. Compiled from returns lodged

under *Banking Acts* 1945-53 and 1959. Averages of four or five weeks ended last Wednesday in period. Excludes debits to Government accounts at city branches.

- (e) Actual collections.
- (f) Monthly averages for annual periods; and monthly totals.
- (g) Quarterly averages for years and quarterly totals.
- (h) Not yet available.

TASMANIA: WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT(a)

Month	Total Civilian Employees (excluding Rural, Female Private Domestics and Defence Forces).			Civilian Employees in Main Industrial Groups.						
	Governmental Authorities (b)	Private Employers	Total	Mining and Quarrying	Factories (c)	Building and Construction	Transport and Communication	Retail Trade	Other Commerce and Finance	Professional and Personal Service (d)
MALES.										
1949—June	15,613	41,189	56,802	2,715	18,070	8,877	7,746	3,405	5,030	5,548
1950—June	16,779	41,601	58,380	2,757	18,365	9,370	8,243	3,474	5,164	5,734
1951—June	18,774	42,010	60,784	2,758	18,638	10,263	8,471	3,466	5,350	5,846
1952—June	18,863	42,893	61,756	2,890	18,689	10,300	8,743	3,486	5,497	5,976
1953—June	19,452	42,749	62,201	3,189	18,488	10,700	8,444	3,569	5,558	6,034
1954—June	20,029	43,549	63,578	3,061	19,581	10,400	8,685	3,566	5,697	6,186
1955—June	21,170	43,909	65,079	3,035	20,096	10,400	9,134	3,629	5,970	6,217
1956—June	20,229	45,562	65,791	3,052	21,591	8,800	9,565	3,629	6,137	6,514
1957—June	20,637	45,340	65,977	3,043	21,244	8,900	9,607	3,717	6,066	6,781
1958—June	21,922	45,089	67,011	2,833	21,914	9,400	9,545	3,558	6,134	6,871
1959—June	22,099	45,528	67,627	2,773	22,446	9,200	9,651	3,579	6,164	6,928
1960—June	22,061	47,304	69,365	2,850	23,486	8,900	9,748	3,673	6,503	7,157
1961—June	21,798	47,297	69,095	2,885	23,483	8,500	9,890	3,613	6,588	7,124
1961—Apr.	21,739	48,295	70,034	2,821	23,653	8,900	9,997	3,655	6,728	7,148
May	21,804	47,853	69,657	2,858	23,559	8,800	9,959	3,636	6,684	7,129
June	21,798	47,297	69,095	2,885	23,483	8,500	9,890	3,613	6,588	7,124
1962—Apr.	22,380	47,461	69,841	2,791	23,808	8,400	9,776	3,531	6,784	7,466
May	22,412	47,588	70,000	2,805	23,884	8,500	9,735	3,534	6,805	7,435
June	22,215	47,326	69,541	2,821	23,805	8,400	9,415	3,630	6,735	7,461
FEMALES.										
1949—June	3,491	15,218	18,709	35	4,439	72	1,088	3,480	1,343	7,465
1950—June	3,653	15,727	19,380	39	4,600	87	1,090	3,597	1,434	7,727
1951—June	4,031	16,335	20,366	55	4,662	101	1,205	3,899	1,579	7,922
1952—June	4,243	15,649	19,892	51	4,097	108	1,297	3,641	1,669	8,074
1953—June	4,362	15,817	20,179	50	4,114	122	1,227	3,646	1,724	8,317
1954—June	4,644	16,551	21,195	51	4,750	122	1,251	3,849	1,785	8,402
1955—June	4,943	16,896	21,839	56	4,768	127	1,310	4,152	1,954	8,463
1956—June	5,197	18,028	23,225	66	5,503	124	1,373	4,223	2,099	8,801
1957—June	5,446	17,479	22,925	75	5,161	124	1,379	4,134	2,046	8,930
1958—June	5,669	17,801	23,470	63	5,335	131	1,393	4,139	2,092	9,211
1959—June	5,715	17,633	23,348	62	5,122	130	1,395	4,202	2,121	9,199
1960—June	5,909	18,267	24,176	68	5,544	131	1,375	4,258	2,225	9,398
1961—June	6,059	18,236	24,295	79	5,298	123	1,378	4,490	2,256	9,431
1961—Apr.	5,974	18,749	24,723	78	5,542	129	1,388	4,613	2,322	9,455
May	5,977	18,566	24,543	79	5,444	127	1,400	4,564	2,256	9,463
June	6,059	18,236	24,295	79	5,298	123	1,378	4,490	2,256	9,431
1962—Apr.	6,093	18,654	24,747	75	5,771	122	1,333	4,294	2,312	9,592
May	5,999	18,629	24,628	78	5,719	124	1,308	4,273	2,318	9,540
June	6,088	18,602	24,690	76	5,708	126	1,315	4,367	2,303	9,531
PERSONS.										
1949—June	19,104	56,407	75,511	2,750	22,509	8,949	8,834	6,885	6,373	13,013
1950—June	20,432	57,328	77,760	2,796	22,965	9,457	9,333	7,071	6,598	13,461
1951—June	22,805	58,345	81,150	2,813	23,300	10,364	9,676	7,365	6,929	13,768
1952—June	23,106	58,542	81,648	2,941	22,786	10,408	10,040	7,127	7,166	14,050
1953—June	23,814	58,566	82,380	3,239	22,602	10,822	9,671	7,215	7,282	14,351
1954—June	24,673	60,100	84,773	3,112	24,331	10,522	9,936	7,415	7,482	14,588
1955—June	26,113	60,805	86,918	3,091	24,864	10,527	10,444	7,781	7,924	14,680
1956—June	25,426	63,590	89,016	3,118	27,094	8,924	10,938	7,852	8,236	15,315
1957—June	26,083	62,819	88,902	3,118	26,405	9,024	10,986	7,851	8,112	15,711
1958—June	27,591	62,890	90,481	2,896	27,249	9,531	10,938	7,697	8,226	16,082
1959—June	27,814	63,161	90,975	2,835	27,568	9,330	11,046	7,781	8,285	16,127
1960—June	27,970	65,571	93,541	2,918	29,030	9,031	11,123	7,931	8,728	16,555
1961—June	27,857	65,533	93,390	2,964	28,781	8,623	11,268	8,103	8,844	16,555
1961—Apr.	27,713	67,044	94,757	2,899	29,195	9,029	11,385	8,268	9,050	16,603
May	27,781	66,419	94,200	2,937	29,003	8,927	11,359	8,200	8,940	16,592
June	27,857	65,533	93,390	2,964	28,781	8,623	11,268	8,103	8,844	16,555
1962—Apr.	28,473	66,115	94,588	2,866	29,579	8,522	11,109	7,825	9,096	17,058
May	28,411	66,217	94,628	2,883	29,603	8,624	11,043	7,807	9,123	16,975
June	28,303	65,928	94,231	2,897	29,513	8,526	10,730	7,997	9,038	16,992

(a) Excludes permanent Defence Forces in Australia and overseas and National Service trainees in camp. Estimated total employment is obtained from annual Factory Censuses, returns of Government Employment, Pay-roll Tax returns, and other direct collections.

(b) Includes employees of Government Authorities (Commonwealth, State, and Local), on services such as

railways, tramways, banks, post-office, air transport, education, broadcasting, police, public works &c., as well as administrative employees.

(c) As recorded at the annual Censuses of Factories to June, 1961, with interim estimates for subsequent months.

(d) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants other Professional and Personal Services (excluding female private domestics).

UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS: TASMANIA.

Period	Unemployment Benefits (a)			Sickness Benefits (a)	
	No. of Persons Admitted to Benefit (b)	No. of Persons on Benefit at End of Month (c)	Benefit Payments During Month	No. of Persons on Benefit at End of Month (c)	Benefit Payments During Month
	No.	No.	£	No.	£
MONTHLY AVERAGES.					
1954-55	40	81	1,329	233	4,310
1955-56	38	57	830	228	4,242
1956-57	107	134	1,920	229	3,936
1957-58	291	512	8,652	232	4,895
1958-59	309	611	11,239	248	5,823
1959-60	265	561	10,080	247	5,640
1960-61	333	576	9,544	250	5,564
1961-62	689	1,522	28,989	257	6,784
MONTHLY TOTALS.					
1961-62—					
August	891	2,023	30,619	257	5,052
September	998	2,182	34,688	271	6,241
October	536	1,673	43,348	254	7,349
November	487	1,575	31,947	249	6,112
December	475	1,398	27,730	229	6,415
January	484	1,385	23,054	225	6,127
February	676	1,225	27,901	246	6,602
March	473	913	23,654	258	7,528
April	525	1,093	16,104	266	5,723
May	633	1,199	26,829	281	8,498
June	1,032	1,778	35,676	304	9,213
1962-63—					
July	812	1,937	46,402	308	10,239

Compiled from information furnished by the Department of Social Services on the operation of Part VII of the Social Services Act, 1947-1958.

(b) Four or five weekly period ending last Saturday of month.
(c) Last Saturday of month.

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS: TASMANIA.

Period	Births		Deaths		Marriages		Population at end of Period (b)	Increase in Population During Period (c)
	Number	Rate (a)	Number	Rate (a)	Number	Rate (a)		
Year ended 31st December—								
1948	6,979	26.49	2,528	9.60	2,428	9.22	273,401	5,465
1949	7,110	26.30	2,389	8.84	2,422	8.96	281,343	7,942
1950	7,242	25.98	2,466	8.85	2,560	9.18	290,333	8,990
1951	7,357	25.52	2,567	8.90	2,607	9.04	301,787	11,454
1952	7,916	26.53	2,579	8.64	2,553	8.56	309,558	7,771
1953	7,736	25.25	2,551	8.33	2,424	7.91	316,465	6,907
1954	7,770	24.98	2,696	8.68	2,512	8.08	319,218	2,753
1955	8,089	25.63	2,489	7.89	2,600	8.24	324,919	5,701
1956	8,104	25.24	2,513	7.83	2,601	8.10	331,340	6,421
1957	8,435	25.68	2,670	8.13	2,507	7.63	338,807	7,467
1958	8,568	25.55	2,708	8.07	2,475	7.38	343,898	5,091
1959	8,625	25.26	2,780	8.14	2,567	7.52	351,349	7,451
1960	8,853	25.52	2,670	7.70	2,713	7.82	355,969	4,620
1961	8,982	25.40	2,789	7.89	2,677	7.57	364,126	8,157
Quarter ended—								
March, 1960		(d)		(d)		(d)		
March, 1960	2,170	24.88	633	7.26	685	7.86	346,263	—5,086
June, 1960	2,216	25.69	642	7.44	728	8.44	343,910	—2,353
September, 1960	2,312	26.82	756	8.77	564	6.54	345,691	1,781
December, 1960	2,155	24.57	639	7.29	736	8.39	355,969	10,278
March, 1961	2,364	26.68	677	7.64	693	7.82	352,992	—2,977
June, 1961	2,192	24.93	698	7.94	671	7.63	350,340	—2,652
September, 1961	2,353	26.78	769	8.75	570	6.49	352,653	2,313
December, 1961	2,073	23.14	645	7.20	743	8.29	364,134	11,481
March, 1962	2,337	25.87	671	7.43	656	7.26	358,520	—5,614

Rate per 1,000 of mean population.

Population estimates for periods subsequent to the Census of 30th June, 1961, represent the population ascertained at the census plus natural increase and recorded net migration since that date. As complete records of interstate migration are not avail-

able, the estimated population since 30th June, 1961, is approximate.

(c) Includes natural increase and net migration. See also note (b).

(d) Equivalent annual rates.

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES IN TASMANIA: COMMODITY GROUPS.

£'000s.

NOTE.—The figures in this table may differ slightly from corresponding data published elsewhere due to rounding processes.

Period	Groceries	Butchers' Meat	Other Food (a)	Beer, Wine, Spirits	Clothing, Drapery, Piece-goods, Footwear.	Hard-ware (b)	Electrical Goods (c)	Furni-ture	Other Goods (d)	Total (Excluding Motor Vehicles, &c.)	Mo- Veh- Pa- Pe- ()
										QUARTERLY	AVERAGES.
1948-49 (f)	1,210	580	780	760	1,880	380	250	330	1,130	7,300	1,
1952-53 (f)	2,160	1,140	1,490	1,340	3,220	790	570	610	2,400	13,720	3,
1953-54	2,300	1,290	1,610	1,370	3,330	820	670	630	2,620	14,640	4,
1954-55	2,490	1,270	1,600	1,540	3,520	1,010	760	700	2,880	15,770	5,
1955-56	2,710	1,340	1,850	1,670	3,660	1,080	810	770	2,920	16,810	5,
1956-57 (f)	2,920	1,390	1,880	1,750	3,790	1,130	790	800	3,040	17,490	5,
1957-58 (g)	2,990	1,400	1,940	1,720	3,680	1,120	680	800	3,140	17,470	6,
1958-59 (g)	3,050	1,530	2,060	1,810	4,040	1,220	790	800	3,340	18,640	6,
1959-60 (g)	3,180	1,530	2,180	1,910	4,380	1,360	1,100	930	3,590	20,160	6,8,
1960-61 (g)	3,490	1,700	2,520	1,940	4,480	1,390	1,370	900	4,040	21,830	7,1,
1959-60 (g)—											
Mar. Qr.	3,210	1,480	2,240	2,010	3,800	1,260	1,060	800	3,520	19,380	6,5,
June Qr.	3,210	1,610	2,170	1,910	4,640	1,370	1,370	890	3,640	20,810	6,9,
1960-61 (g)—											
Sept. Qr.	3,340	1,650	2,350	1,780	4,260	1,380	1,440	980	3,820	21,000	7,5,
Dec. Qr.	3,760	1,700	2,660	2,030	5,220	1,660	1,600	1,120	4,620	24,370	8,0,
Mar. Qr.	3,570	1,610	2,650	2,070	3,820	1,250	1,280	770	3,940	20,960	6,3,
June Qr.	3,540	1,680	2,460	1,860	4,620	1,280	1,340	810	3,800	21,390	6,2,
1961-62 (g)—											
Sept. Qr.	3,490	1,690	2,420	1,820	4,050	1,280	1,270	790	3,820	20,630	6,45,
Dec. Qr.	3,820	1,650	2,640	2,160	5,200	1,550	1,490	1,060	4,640	24,210	7,19,
Mar. Qr.	3,580	1,680	2,600	2,050	3,880	1,360	1,190	740	3,880	20,960	7,34,

(a) Includes fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, soft drinks, ice cream, cakes, pastry, cooked provisions, fish, &c, but excludes

(b) Excludes basic building materials (e.g. timber, roofing tiles, &c.).

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 (c) Includes radios, television and accessories, musical instruments, domestic refrigerators, &c.

(d) Includes tobacco, cigarettes, &c., newspapers, books, stationery, chemists goods, grain and produce, jewellery, office equipment &c.

(e) Excludes farm machinery and implements, earth moving equipment, etc.

(f) Census figures

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- (g) Subject to revision.

RETAIL HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS.

Retail Businesses Plus Non-Retail Finance Businesses, Tasmania.

NOTE.—The following statistics relate to the combined hire purchase operations of Retail Businesses (including subsidiary finance businesses set up by retailers) and Non-Retail Finance Businesses engaged in hire purchase financing of retail sales of goods.

Period	Number of New Agreements Made	Total Value of Goods (a) (£'000)	Amount Financed (b)		Average Proportion of Hire Purchase Sales Financed (Per Cent)	Balances Outstanding at end of each period (c) (£'000)
			Total (£'000)	Average per Agreement (£)		
Motor Vehicles, Tractors, &c.						
1958-59—Quarterly Av.	3,960	2,705	1,635	413	60	
1959-60—Quarterly Av.	4,140	2,813	1,726	417	61	
1960-61—Quarterly Av.	3,536	2,554	1,573	445	62	
1960-61—March Qr.	2,755	2,149	1,308	475	61	
June Qr.	3,122	2,160	1,306	418	60	
1961-62—Sept. Qr.	3,305	2,251	1,352	409	60	
Dec. Qr.	3,803	2,637	1,595	419	60	
Industrial Plant and Machinery, &c.						
1958-59—Quarterly Av.	278	145	90	324	62	
1959-60—Quarterly Av.	306	199	132	431	66	
1960-61—Quarterly Av.	359	269	174	485	65	
1960-61—March Qr.	338	187	113	334	60	
June Qr.	255	221	138	541	62	
1961-62—Sept. Qr.	308	247	151	490	61	
Dec. Qr.	325	306	206	634	67	
Household and Personal Goods						
1958-59—Quarterly Av.	7,643	484	387	51	80	
1959-60—Quarterly Av.	9,019	602	486	54	81	
1960-61—Quarterly Av.	8,465	720	584	69	81	
1960-61—March Qr.	7,917	654	534	67	82	
June Qr.	7,116	556	449	63	81	
1961-62—Sept. Qr.	7,006	552	449	64	81	
Dec. Qr.	8,681	679	552	64	81	
Total All Goods						
1958-59—Quarterly Av.	11,881	3,334	2,112	178	63	(e) 11,303
1959-60—Quarterly Av.	13,465	3,614	2,344	173	65	(e) 12,487
1960-61—Quarterly Av.	12,360	3,543	2,331	189	66	(e) 13,542
1960-61—March Qr.	11,010	2,990	1,955	178	65	14,057
June Qr.	10,493	2,937	1,893	180	64	13,542
1961-62—Sept. Qr.	10,619	3,050	1,952	184	64	13,270
Dec. Qr.	12,809	3,622	2,353	184	65	13,407

(a) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance).
(b) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

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(c) Includes hiring charges and insurance.
(d) Separate charges apply.

(d) Separate details not available.
 (e) Balances at 30th June.

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OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE IMPORTS BY SEA AND AIR—TASMANIA
PRINCIPAL COMMODITY GROUPS.

£A'000.

Period	Food and Drink	Tobacco and Cigarettes	Drapery Clothing and Textiles	Petroleum and Shale Oils	Ores and Concentrates	Metals and Metal Manufactures	Machinery (Including Electrical)	Chemicals, Drugs and Fertilizers	Total Imports
1938-39 (a)	2,266	479	1,793	443	318	2,393	958	419	11,502
1951-52	9,648	2,374	9,398	2,541	2,069	15,365	10,336	1,969	68,960
1952-53	9,650	2,647	8,377	2,770	2,852	13,158	9,730	2,036	61,613
1953-54	10,990	2,944	9,486	2,735	2,475	14,455	9,230	2,228	67,850
1954-55	11,933	3,016	8,704	3,387	2,803	16,216	8,297	2,540	69,682
1955-56	11,125	3,056	8,980	3,178	3,109	17,083	8,959	2,971	72,829
1956-57	11,420	3,467	9,293	4,523	3,388	16,633	8,860	2,946	76,786
1957-58	10,869	3,885	8,620	4,937	2,837	18,137	9,692	3,089	79,112
1958-59	12,766	4,383	9,177	4,847	3,192	19,447	9,466	3,702	83,615
1959-60	13,132	3,676	9,568	5,446	2,798	24,125	10,079	3,393	88,415
1960-61	13,813	5,504	10,096	4,923	3,945	26,586	13,150	3,749	99,226
Six months ended Dec.—									
1960	6,718	2,366	4,512	2,369	1,727	13,911	6,243	1,946	48,225
1961	6,416	2,252	4,281	2,361	1,860	10,709	5,249	1,621	41,052
1961-62—									
July	1,145	251	487	467	160	1,337	794	280	5,969
August	960	481	689	443	449	1,585	666	281	6,396
September	1,140	486	623	150	351	1,796	599	244	6,081
October	1,076	542	832	366	209	1,992	928	257	7,732
November	953	259	836	475	355	1,968	1,092	280	7,341
December	1,142	233	814	460	336	2,031	1,170	279	7,533

(a) Excludes imports by air, details of which are not available.

OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE EXPORTS BY SEA AND AIR—TASMANIA
SELECTED COMMODITY GROUPS.

£A'000.

Period	Food and Drink			Greasy Wool (a)	Apparel, Textiles and Manufactured Fibres	Ores and Concentrates	Refined Metals (b)	Timber	Total Exports.						
	Fresh and Preserved		Butter												
	Fruit	Vegetables													
38-39 (c)	1,950	1,057	360	1,634	773	961	976	2,023	571	12,233					
51-52	5,559	3,629	633	5,803	4,683	3,905	5,857	11,160	2,214	57,363					
52-53	7,229	3,597	901	6,696	6,015	5,973	4,861	11,820	2,561	64,034					
53-54	6,417	3,445	800	6,751	5,657	6,921	4,613	10,724	3,350	65,267					
54-55	5,816	3,333	1,513	7,247	6,095	6,648	4,813	10,241	3,578	68,697					
55-56	7,471	4,360	1,731	7,954	5,570	7,581	5,981	11,236	3,488	80,000					
56-57	5,867	5,257	1,726	8,177	8,099	8,107	5,350	11,751	3,643	85,885					
57-58	8,895	3,557	1,710	7,982	7,130	8,288	4,044	11,835	3,390	86,256					
58-59	7,423	4,170	2,414	9,696	6,053	7,526	2,414	12,898	3,742	87,970					
59-60	6,429	3,414	2,695	11,359	7,627	9,613	2,976	14,341	4,768	103,034					
60-61	7,200	3,447	1,649	12,214	6,253	10,097	3,380	13,451	4,777	103,783					
Six months ended Mar.—															
1961	1,854	2,825	1,469	10,091	3,073	7,193	2,576	11,191	3,726	71,594					
1962	2,439	3,155	1,675	8,238	4,301	6,980	1,961	11,273	3,065	71,432					
1961-62—															
July	342	100	...	902	211	535	297	1,177	305	6,438					
August	215	64	52	809	66	528	89	1,729	356	6,700					
September	189	163	109	862	33	282	278	1,092	381	6,538					
October	227	75	112	988	21	586	134	1,541	353	7,077					
November	166	54	248	814	83	1,021	195	1,194	335	7,033					
December	156	858	438	842	735	899	140	781	225	7,966					
January	83	1,061	318	743	1,159	714	208	1,301	212	9,122					
February	117	350	155	1,128	602	1,242	326	1,228	440	9,279					
March	944	430	243	1,150	1,391	1,173	294	1,230	458	11,279					

Excludes greasy wool exported on skins.

Excludes aluminium, details of which are not available for publication.

(c) Excludes exports by air, details of which are not available.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: HOBART; WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX: AUSTRALIA.

Consumer Price Index—Hobart (a) (Base of Each Index—Year 1952-53 = 100)							Wholesale Price Index—Australia (Basic Materials and Foodstuffs) (Base: Average three years ended June, 1939 = 100)			
Period.	Food	Clothing and Drapery	Housing	Household Supplies and Equipment	Miscellaneous	All Groups	Period	Goods Principally Imported (b)	Goods Principally Home-Produced (c)	All Groups (c)
Year ended June—							1938-39	99	100	100
1952	87.1	94.3	88.3	92.3	91.7	90.4	1953-54	271	339	318
1953	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1954-55	277	340	328
1954	107.9	101.8	107.1	103.0	103.9	105.0	1955-56	292	352	334
1955	107.1	102.0	110.7	103.7	102.0	104.9	1956-57	311	357	344
1956	113.7	103.3	121.9	108.6	106.8	110.2	1957-58	301	355	339
1957	118.6	106.1	133.3	115.2	118.5	116.9	1958-59	283	358	336
1958	115.1	108.7	137.3	116.0	119.5	117.0	1959-60	281	375	348
1959	116.8	109.8	141.3	116.8	121.2	118.7	1960-61	278	394	360
1960	118.5	119.7	148.5	118.5	123.3	120.8	1961-62	270	363	336
1961	132.1	112.4	156.6	121.1	126.2	127.5				
1962	129.0	114.0	163.8	124.3	127.0	128.1	1961-62—July	275	377	347
Quarter—							Aug.	274	371	348
1960—June	121.4	111.6	151.7	120.1	123.7	122.6	Sept.	272	366	338
Sept.	128.4	111.6	153.7	121.3	125.7	125.8	Oct.	271	357	332
Dec.	131.7	112.3	155.9	120.3	125.9	127.1	Nov.	272	354	330
1961—March	133.9	112.5	158.0	120.8	126.7	128.3	Dec.	270	358	332
June	134.4	113.3	158.9	121.9	126.5	128.9	Jan.	268	361	334
Sept.	132.9	113.4	160.8	124.9	127.1	129.1	Feb.	267	362	334
Dec.	129.5	114.0	163.7	124.1	127.0	128.3	Mar.	269	360	333
1962—March	127.2	114.2	164.6	123.9	126.8	127.5	April	267	361	333
June	126.5	114.2	166.1	124.2	126.9	127.5	May	271	361	334
							June	269	367	338
							1962-63—July	269	371	341

(a) For current statistical purposes this index replaces both the "C" Series Retail Price Index and the Interim Retail Price Index.

(b) This index does not measure changes in price of all imports.

(c) The indexes for "Goods Principally Home-Produced" and "All Groups" have been reconstructed as from the base period by excluding potatoes and onions. For July, 1962, indexes comparable with those previously published, including potatoes and onions, were, Goods Principally Home-produced, 369; All Groups, 339.

BASIC WAGE RATES: HOBART; TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS: TASMANIA

Basic Wage: Hobart—Adult Males and Females (Weekly Rates)					Average Weekly Total Wages Paid and Average Earnings				
Date of Operation (a)	Commonwealth Awards		State Wages Boards' Awards (b)		Period	Average Weekly Total Wages Paid (e)		Average Weekly Earnings Per Employed Male Unit (e)	
	Males	Females	Males	Females		s. d.	s. d.		
s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.				£'000	£
September, 1939	77 0	42 0	77 0	42 0	1953-54	1,305	15.78		
November, 1947	107 0	58 0	107 0	58 0	1954-55	1,399	16.54		
November, 1948	118 0	63 6	118 0	63 6	1955-56	1,521	17.75		
November, 1949	128 0	69 0	128 0	69 0	1956-57	1,635	18.79		
November, 1950	139 0	75 0	139 0	75 0	1957-58	1,671	18.95		
December, 1950	(c) 160 0	(c) 120 0	160 0	120 0	1958-59	1,725	19.33		
November, 1951	199 0	149 0	199 0	149 0	1959-60	1,878	20.71		
May, 1952	214 0	160 6	214 0	160 6	1960-61	1,969	21.42		
August, 1952	222 0	166 6	222 0	166 6	1961-62	2,057	22.50		
November, 1952	230 0	172 6	230 0	172 6					
February, 1953	232 0	174 0	232 0	174 0	1959-60—				
May, 1953	239 0	179 0	239 0	179 0	June Qtr.	2,016	21.98		
August, 1953	(d) 242 0	(d) 181 6	(d) 242 0	(d) 181 6	1960-61—				
November, 1953	242 0	181 6	242 0	181 6	Sept. Qtr.	1,888	20.71		
February, 1956	242 0	181 6	259 0	194 3	Dec. Qtr.	2,002	21.78		
May, 1956	242 0	181 6	268 0	201 0	March Qtr.	1,945	21.00		
June, 1956	(c) 252 0	(c) 189 0	268 0	201 0	June Qtr.	2,040	22.18		
August, 1956	252 0	189 0	272 0	204 0	1961-62—				
May, 1957	(c) 262 0	(c) 196 6	272 0	204 0	Sept. Qtr.	1,937	21.40		
May, 1958	(c) 267 0	(c) 200 0	272 0	204 0	Dec. Qtr.	2,069	22.78		
June, 1959	(c) 282 0	(c) 211 6	282 0	211 6	March Qtr.	2,033	22.11		
July, 1961	(c) 294 0	(c) 220 6	294 0	220 6	June Qtr.	2,188	23.70		

(a) Operative as from beginning of first pay period commencing in month shown.

(b) No state basic wage declared; Commonwealth rates followed to a large extent except between February, 1956 and June, 1959.

(c) Increase granted by Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission as a result of a Basic Wage Inquiry.

(d) Automatic quarterly adjustments of basic wages discontinued in September, 1953 in Commonwealth Awards and in State Wages Boards' Awards also except for the period February, 1956 to August 1956 inclusive.

(e) Derived from employment and wages recorded on pay-roll tax returns, from other direct collection and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Excludes Defence Forces.

BUILDING PERMITS: TASMANIA.

NOTE.—Private building permits shown below relate to permits issued by local government authorities. Government figures relate to contracts let and day labour projects commenced by governmental authorities.

Period	New Houses (a)				Other Buildings, including alterations and additions		Totals		
	Private		Government		Private	Government	Private	Government	Grand Total
	No.	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
HOBART AND SUBURBS.									
ANNUAL TOTALS.									
1953-54	675	2,085	282	709	1,700	511	3,785	1,220	5,005
1954-55	679	2,220	352	917	1,813	915	4,033	1,832	5,865
1955-56	691	2,343	232	623	1,950	362	4,293	985	5,278
1956-57	757	2,617	284	815	2,362	581	4,979	1,396	6,375
1957-58	645	2,315	312	899	1,946	1,727	4,261	2,626	6,887
1958-59	634	2,309	266	816	1,519	1,604	3,828	2,420	6,248
1959-60	617	2,396	261	849	3,791	3,125	6,187	3,974	10,161
1960-61	569	2,318	250	811	2,433	1,302	4,751	2,113	6,864
1961-62	555	2,313	306	955	2,250	1,230	4,563	2,185	6,748
MONTHLY TOTALS.									
1961-62—November	54	229	37	107	150	36	379	143	522
December	29	122	16	63	313	31	435	94	529
January	29	101	17	66	177	416	278	482	760
February	46	213	26	102	101	3	314	105	419
March	59	229	17	58	284	12	513	70	583
April	36	153	21	62	67	57	220	119	339
May	43	176	22	66	268	122	444	188	632
June	43	194	22	65	108	124	301	189	490
1962-63—July	58	240	31	91	287	326	527	417	944
LAUNCESTON AND SUBURBS.									
ANNUAL TOTALS.									
1953-54	384	1,013	176	485	812	176	1,825	661	2,486
1954-55	425	1,180	175	428	677	108	1,857	536	2,393
1955-56	377	1,128	120	312	775	76	1,903	388	2,291
1956-57	404	1,300	119	316	1,415	161	2,715	477	3,192
1957-58	365	1,177	28	66	689	148	1,866	214	2,080
1958-59	395	1,299	42	104	788	276	2,087	380	2,467
1959-60	420	1,452	23	70	1,099	361	2,551	431	2,982
1960-61	379	1,411	22	66	963	490	2,374	556	2,930
1961-62	389	1,475	56	138	1,039	1,267	2,514	1,405	3,919
MONTHLY TOTALS.									
1961-62—November	38	148	12	27	34	19	182	46	228
December	25	98	—	—	47	21	145	21	166
January	26	96	7	18	31	8	127	26	153
February	23	93	—	—	142	10	235	10	245
March	34	135	5	14	91	1,150	226	1,164	1,390
April	31	114	1	7	32	23	146	30	176
May	47	163	12	26	118	19	281	45	326
June	32	124	—	—	40	—	164	—	164
1962-63—July	31	114	—	—	109	—	223	—	223
OTHER AREAS.									
ANNUAL TOTALS.									
1953-54	941	1,833	101	267	725	507	2,558	774	3,332
1954-55	923	1,955	146	416	1,163	1,014	3,118	1,430	4,548
1955-56	1,058	2,406	177	540	1,272	644	3,678	1,184	4,862
1956-57	1,073	2,608	86	276	1,187	1,842	3,795	2,118	5,913
1957-58	972	2,315	150	475	1,172	687	3,487	1,162	4,649
1958-59	900	2,198	169	506	1,307	1,070	3,505	1,576	5,081
1959-60	1,057	2,743	168	556	1,895	1,242	4,638	1,798	6,436
1960-61	912	2,507	141	482	1,519	967	4,026	1,449	5,475
1961-62	966	2,600	255	762	3,394	1,479	5,994	2,241	8,235
MONTHLY TOTALS.									
1961-62—November	80	203	1	6	120	77	323	77	400
December	85	225	13	34	80	439	305	473	778
January	62	154	—	—	57	34	211	34	245
February	78	202	6	15	463	84	665	99	764
March	97	289	59	163	93	40	382	203	585
April	95	222	16	56	56	48	278	104	382
May	91	264	18	56	97	102	361	158	519
June	70	193	48	142	212	85	405	227	632
1962-63—July	96	242	2	8	110	29	352	37	389

(a) Excludes flats which are included with "Other Buildings".

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS (a): TASMANIA
(Including Owner-built Houses.)

Period	Commenced			Completed			Under Construction at End of Period		
	New Houses	Flats (a)	Total Houses and Flats	New Houses	Flats (a)	Total Houses and Flats	New Houses	Flats (a)	Total Houses and Flats
1956-57	2,591	69	2,660	2,759	105	2,864	2,137	34	2,137
1957-58	2,378	85	2,463	2,566	41	2,607	1,949	78	2,020
1958-59	2,563	206	2,769	2,577	131	2,708	1,935	153	2,020
1959-60	2,357	184	2,541	2,475	197	2,672	1,817	140	1,919
1960-61	2,248	129	2,377	2,487	175	2,662	1,578	94	1,616
1961-62	2,475	166	2,641	2,897	154	2,551	1,656	106	1,706
Quarterly Totals									
1959-60—									
June Qr.	640	25	665	626	100	726	1,817	140	1,956
1960-61—									
Sept. Qr.	653	49	702	633	43	676	1,837	146	1,981
Dec. Qr.	524	30	554	711	24	735	1,650	152	1,800
Mar. Qr.	561	22	583	526	26	552	1,685	148	1,833
June Qr.	510	28	538	617	82	699	1,578	94	1,673
1961-62—									
Sept. Qr.	644	20	664	534	57	591	1,688	57	1,745
Dec. Qr.	558	72	630	602	20	622	1,644	109	1,759
Mar. Qr.	619	19	638	616	27	643	1,647	101	1,748
June Qr.	654	55	709	645	50	695	1,656	106	1,762

(a) Individual Living Units. Only new flats are included, i.e., the conversion of old buildings into flats are omitted.
 "Home Units."

Figures for flats inc.

VALUE (WHEN COMPLETED) OF NEW BUILDINGS: TASMANIA.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)

(£'000.)

Period	Commenced			Completed			Under Construction at End of Period		
	Houses and Flats	Other Buildings	Total	Houses and Flats	Other Buildings	Total	Houses and Flats	Other Buildings	Total
1956-57	7,569	6,569	14,138	8,217	4,392	12,609	6,210	5,875	12,085
1957-58	7,490	5,243	12,733	7,922	4,918	12,840	5,933	6,013	11,946
1958-59	8,331	6,078	14,409	7,993	5,457	13,450	6,371	6,682	13,053
1959-60	7,917	10,326	18,243	8,285	7,518	15,803	6,013	9,578	15,591
1960-61	7,968	6,172	14,140	8,603	8,411	17,014	5,456	7,508	12,964
1961-62	8,513	9,180	17,693	8,315	8,412	16,727	5,568	8,320	13,888
Quarterly Totals									
1959-60—									
June Qr.	2,168	2,541	4,709	2,370	2,675	5,045	6,013	9,578	15,591
1960-61—									
Sept. Qr.	2,355	1,888	4,243	2,144	1,107	3,251	6,259	10,357	16,616
Dec. Qr.	1,779	810	2,589	2,329	2,184	4,513	5,731	9,146	14,877
Mar. Qr.	2,018	1,638	3,656	1,795	2,099	3,894	5,965	8,693	14,658
June Qr.	1,816	1,836	3,652	2,335	3,021	5,356	5,456	7,508	12,964
1961-62—									
Sept. Qr.	2,215	2,545	4,760	2,021	2,104	4,125	5,664	7,987	13,651
Dec. Qr.	1,991	1,985	3,976	2,079	2,395	4,474	5,597	7,579	13,176
Mar. Qr.	2,029	1,779	3,808	1,981	2,487	4,468	5,524	6,883	12,407
June Qr.	2,278	2,871	5,149	2,234	1,426	3,660	5,568	8,320	13,888

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS—TASMANIA.

(Registered under Real Property Act and Registration of Deeds Act.)

Month.	Property Sales—Number and Total Consideration						Number and Amount of Mortgages											
	1946			1961			1962			Registered			Discharged (a)					
	No.	£'000	No.	£'000	No.	£'000	No.	£'000	No.	£'000	No.	£'000	No.	£'000	No.	£'000		
January	497	242	756	1,998	628	1,513	170	116	615	1,412	550	1,261	242	113	462	565	355	441
February	593	300	687	2,010	596	1,208	206	143	576	1,385	517	931	298	163	395	498	363	489
March	575	317	741	1,814	780	1,788	173	141	623	1,456	602	1,174	273	152	397	424	413	629
April	581	368	623	1,363	675	1,582	197	174	539	1,097	540	1,080	317	175	306	456	404	612
May	727	363	866	2,031	751	1,565	254	154	754	1,633	766	1,511	303	278	508	770	549	761
June	568	347	789	1,770	692	1,531	240	186	662	1,471	574	1,443	263	117	479	768	416	576
July	559	363	785	2,104	967	2,175	246	213	615	1,042	765	1,618	253	132	442	704	530	726
August	698	494	866	1,912	976	2,403	277	193	730	1,414	818	1,630	289	181	511	593	560	879
September	672	404	797	1,873			310	240	709	1,627			336	187	443	713		
October	511	297	860	2,051			234	206	632	1,367			291	195	421	499		
November	594	460	717	1,727			269	278	603	1,297			258	145	381	573		
December	556	384	715	1,677			218	168	598	1,295			220	165	690	638		
Year	7,131	4,339	9,202	22,330			2,794	2,212	7,656	16,496			3,343	2,003	5,435	7,201		
January to August	4,798	2,794	6,113	15,002	6,065	13,765	1,763	1,320	5,114	10,910	5,132	10,648	2,238	1,311	3,500	4,778	3,590	5,116

(a) Excludes partial discharges.

MISCELLANEOUS INDICATORS OF TASMANIAN PRODUCTIVE ACTIVITY.

Period	Production of Foodstuffs.									
	Dairy Products.			Meat (Bone-in Weight).				Bacon & Ham. (c)	Flour. (d)	
	Whole Milk Production (a).	Factory Butter.	Factory Cheese.	Beef and Veal.	Mutton and Lamb.	Pigmeat. (b)	Total.			
	'000. Gals.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons. (2000 lb.)	
MONTHLY AVERAGES.										
1938-39	2,902	338	118	912	527	251	1,690	85	1,632	
1953-54	3,970	605	24	917	923	224	2,064	79	2,534	
1954-55	4,335	694	23	1,139	992	286	2,417	86	2,484	
1955-56	5,117	830	28	1,285	981	303	2,569	87	2,321	
1956-57	5,355	869	28	1,493	1,051	279	2,823	76	2,421	
1957-58	5,388	885	27	1,670	1,102	351	3,123	74	2,387	
1958-59	5,515	900	29	1,700	1,367	409	3,476	76	2,466	
1959-60	5,852	979	27	1,929	1,732	446	4,107	74	2,573	
1960-61	5,321	855	29	1,408	1,577	421	3,406	69	2,424	
1961-62p	6,147	1,005	50	1,591	1,683	447	3,721	60	2,411	
MONTHLY TOTALS.										
1960-61—Feb.	4,774	753	35	1,484	1,879	549	3,912	77	2,258	
Mar.	3,656	523	18	1,737	1,958	592	4,287	57	2,534	
Apr.	2,102	214	15	1,456	1,475	387	3,318	53	2,218	
May	1,784	155	4	1,579	1,451	342	3,372	56	2,717	
June	1,585	115	1	1,429	1,345	308	3,082	52	2,445	
1961-62p—July	2,221	232	2	1,273	1,221	231	2,725	42	2,266	
1961-62p—Feb.	6,130	1,012	70	1,664	1,949	528	4,141	57	2,442	
Mar.	5,524	880	87	1,833	1,874	504	4,211	61	2,506	
Apr.	4,097	610	55	1,517	1,369	502	3,388	54	1,980	
May	2,609	309	25	2,075	1,549	514	4,138	62	3,035	
June	1,802	155	1	1,851	1,464	332	3,647	43	2,321	
1962-63p—July	2,736	341	12	1,871	1,306	297	3,474	47	2,560	

Period	Minerals.			Building Materials.				Paper Pulp. (g)	Electricity for all Purposes Except Traction.	Super-phosphate	Sulphuric Acid.
	Coal.	Refined Zinc.	Cathode Copper.	Sawn Native Timber. (f)	Earthenware Bricks.	Portland Cement.	Fibrous Plaster Sheets.				
	Tons	Tons	Tons	'000 Sup. ft.	'000	Tons	'000 Sq. yds.	Tons	'000 K.W.H.	Tons	Tons
	MONTHLY AVERAGES										
1938-39	7,667	5,819	(e) 1,056	7,019	1,216	7,490	10	332	47,026	2,507	1,180
1953-54	20,458	8,263	717	9,856	1,315	10,050	35	5,794	122,037	6,179	4,485
1954-55	23,287	8,372	713	11,699	1,466	9,748	40	7,878	131,825	6,318	5,797
1955-56	24,768	8,659	617	12,553	1,503	9,668	40	8,579	148,889	7,108	5,931
1956-57	23,699	8,885	638	11,312	1,594	10,388	44	8,601	183,574	6,829	7,909
1957-58	22,298	9,594	839	10,880	1,703	10,878	48	9,315	194,246	8,728	9,325
1958-59	23,926	9,559	841	12,167	1,782	12,084	57	8,970	204,049	8,908	10,478
1959-60	25,237	9,824	939	14,138	1,998	9,981	65	9,296	210,417	8,551	10,587
1960-61	23,859	10,495	800	13,711	2,020	8,967	59	9,732	218,928	8,717	11,251
1961-62p	19,779	11,302	972	11,433	1,730	8,651	50	9,590	227,355	9,790	11,371
	MONTHLY TOTALS										
1960-61—											
Feb.	22,029	9,859	259	14,586	2,007	8,196	55	9,196	197,738	10,864	11,085
Mar.	22,310	11,057	737	13,988	2,101	8,910	62	8,159	216,115	11,302	11,840
Apr.	21,597	10,875	978	10,377	1,397	8,028	53	9,174	215,167	9,560	9,871
May	26,223	11,352	1,100	11,648	1,862	10,534	65	10,517	238,311	6,937	12,503
June	26,241	9,894	1,061	10,902	1,941	10,705	60	10,963	235,766	10,163	11,588
1961-62—	24,717	12,455	1,083	10,968	1,460	8,025	47	10,524	250,883	10,100	13,837
1961-62 p—											
Feb.	20,346	9,392	816	11,776	1,782	8,779	51	9,824	198,425	8,186	10,333
Mar.	21,247	10,676	1,062	12,477	1,737	11,188	62	9,815	226,495	9,759	11,875
Apr.	16,943	10,941	940	10,513	1,702	8,109	55	9,631	231,688	10,459	10,788
May	24,375	11,664	1,083	12,955	1,835	8,070	70	11,160	258,301	10,066	10,883
June	22,294	9,800	1,062	11,756	1,491	8,484	44	10,623	252,992	10,549	10,920
1962-63—	20,959	13,172	1,110	11,993	1,846	9,429	65	10,302	266,251	13,694	15,238
Julyp											

(a) Including whole milk equivalent of factory butter and cheese produced.
 (b) Including pork for manufacture of bacon and ham.
 (c) Cured weight.
 (d) Including wheatmeal for baking.
 (e) Year ended 30th September for 1938-39 only.

(f) Including sawn equivalent of logs peeled or sliced.
 (g) Ground wood pulp, chemical and semi-chemical pulp; figures to be used as an index of production only.
 r Revised since previous issue.
 p Preliminary—subject to revision.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS—TASMANIA(a).

Period.	Motor Vehicles on Register at End of Period.				New Motor Vehicles Registered During Period.			
	Motor-Cars.	Commercial Vehicles, &c.	Motor-Cycles.	Total	Motor-Cars.	Commercial Vehicles, &c.	Motor-Cycles.	Total
1938-39	17,668	5,036	3,656	26,360	2,010	700	350	3,060
1951-52	32,548	16,817	5,739	55,104	4,267	2,073	938	7,278
1952-53	35,431	19,391	5,723	60,545	3,368	1,724	474	5,566
1953-54	39,973	19,740	5,649	65,362	4,718	1,896	450	7,064
1954-55	44,879	20,891	5,306	71,076	5,738	2,285	417	8,440
1955-56	48,969	22,384	4,800	76,153	5,457	2,179	332	7,968
1956-57	52,712	22,897	4,391	80,000	5,309	1,983	340	7,637
1957-58	56,873	24,029	4,018	84,920	5,337	1,944	225	7,506
1958-59	60,105	24,943	3,606	88,654	5,362	2,113	176	7,651
1959-60	64,746	26,088	3,123	93,957	6,527	2,115	96	8,738
1960-61	69,088	26,358	2,622	98,068	6,723	2,058	61	8,842
1961-62	73,836	26,999	2,396	103,231	6,931	1,778	59	8,768
1960-61—Feb.	67,464	26,297	2,723	96,484	426	174	11	611
Mar.	67,902	26,341	2,682	96,925	515	157	8	680
Apr.	67,919	26,405	2,652	96,976	420	147	2	569
May	68,646	26,431	2,622	97,699	494	134	1	629
June	69,088	26,358	2,622	98,068	495	167	4	666
1961-62—July	68,990	26,337	2,619	97,946	386	128	9	523
1961-62—Feb.	72,627	27,006	2,549	102,182	633	186	5	824
Mar.	72,770	26,951	2,525	102,246	684	184	4	872
Apr.	73,024	26,966	2,463	102,453	611	172	3	786
May	73,558	27,112	2,439	103,109	713	192	8	913
June	73,836	26,999	2,396	103,231	754	149	3	906
1962-63—July	75,003	27,209	2,369	104,581	732	166	4	902

(a) Including Commonwealth-owned vehicles, other than Defence Service vehicles.

TASMANIAN TRANSPORT SERVICES.

Period.	State Railways.					Urban Passenger Services (a) (other than Railways)			
	Gross Revenue.	Working Costs (excluding interest).	Train Miles Run.	Passenger Journeys.	Goods and Livestock Carried.	Hobart.		Launceston.	
						Car Miles Run.	Passenger Journeys.	Car Miles Run.	Passenger Journeys.
	£	£	Daily Average.	Daily Average.	Tons.	£	Daily Average.	£	Daily Average.
	(b)	(b)	(c)	(c)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
1938-39	40,577	48,641	5,223	6,292	70,292	4,102	29,972	1,752	14,819
1953-54	181,608	225,684	5,198	8,998	80,658	5,744	44,733	2,420	18,121
1954-55	194,359	238,960	5,725	8,502	86,739	5,640	45,399	2,440	18,036
1955-56	212,064	253,162	5,768	8,156	89,595	(d) 6,588	(d) 50,028	(d) 2,523	(d) 18,006
1956-57	211,021	268,077	5,086	7,703	90,141	7,610	52,309	2,850	18,958
1957-58	214,103	248,384	4,296	6,697	91,308	8,802	55,413	2,861	19,006
1958-59	225,550	247,625	4,217	6,421	94,807	9,496	54,139	3,005	18,679
1959-60	233,482	257,776	4,006	6,263	99,627	9,834	53,679	3,069	18,356
1960-61	227,704	273,826	4,154	5,762	99,297	10,541	49,946	3,143	17,462
1961-62	224,917	264,618	3,878	4,975	91,323	10,577	48,994	3,141	17,217
1960-61—Dec.	220,464	266,443	3,892	4,989	89,476	10,325	50,062	3,065	16,841
Jan.	176,026	242,913	3,829	6,457	75,512	9,829	42,988	2,805	13,560
Feb.	224,472	237,573	4,246	6,556	97,299	10,804	51,724	3,311	18,871
Mar.	243,426	280,564	4,166	4,933	102,829	10,803	52,524	3,223	18,479
Apr.	208,740	260,852	3,890	5,733	88,837	10,448	48,525	3,240	17,318
May	239,766	287,570	4,291	4,806	100,226	11,057	49,566	3,135	16,759
June	230,638	354,903	4,217	5,359	98,757	11,188	50,043	3,249	17,913
1961-62—Dec.	199,582	242,129	3,542	4,444	80,159	10,110	44,946	2,748	14,408
Jan.	204,824	239,848	3,717	4,496	69,850	10,118	44,996	2,805	13,560
Feb.	234,764	245,194	4,060	6,419	94,756	10,714	52,799	3,895	22,564
Mar.	266,074	267,577	3,870	4,887	109,912	10,617	52,925	2,843	16,642
Apr.	221,713	234,141	3,482	4,428	89,189	10,021	47,495	2,699	15,311
May	253,076	259,595	3,966	4,305	105,226	10,782	49,480	3,454	18,964
June	219,550	357,439	3,714	5,162	90,975	10,628	50,035	3,569	19,597

(a) Includes tram, omnibus and trolley-bus services; under Municipal control until taken over by Metropolitan Transport Trust on 1.7.55. Trams ceased operating Hobart 21.10.60; Launceston 13.12.52.

(b) Monthly averages for annual periods; and monthly totals.

(c) Figures for 1938-39 are not comparable with those for 1952-53 and subsequent periods.

(d) Figures prior to 1955-56 are not strictly comparable with later figures due to acquisition by Metropolitan Transport Trust of omnibus services not included in previous statistics. See note (a) above.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS—TASMANIA.

Period.	Motor Vehicles on Register (a)	Accidents Involving Casualties Classified According to Responsibility (b)							Traffic Accident Casualties.	
		Drivers of Motor Vehicles.	Motor-cyclists.	Pedestrians.	Vehicular Defects.	Road Conditions.	Other Causes.	Total	Persons Killed	Persons Injured.
1951	49,173	310	170	178	91	80	184	1,013	57	1,212
1952	55,104	401	150	172	67	85	152	1,027	87	1,215
1953	60,545	396	151	180	70	71	160	1,028	56	1,246
1954	65,362	385	130	170	80	94	123	982	67	1,156
1955	71,076	399	113	147	51	61	93	864	57	1,111
1956	76,151	443	88	186	42	39	76	874	72	1,046
1957	80,000	431	71	171	45	63	71	852	65	1,107
1958	84,920	435	67	126	33	38	81	780	70	1,002
1959	88,654	420	49	170	41	45	66	791	68	990
1960	93,957	425	52	129	33	28	76	743	79	1,004
1961	98,068	506	21	177	38	37	65	844	75	1,157
1962	103,231	560	32	138	42	29	71	872	72	1,207
months ended ne—										
1961	98,068	236	11	84	22	14	37	404	36	556
1962	103,231	273	15	67	19	13	34	421	35	590
July	97,946	61	4	17	3	7	8	100	6	80
August	98,496	44	1	12	4	2	4	67	7	133
September	98,262	41	4	6	2	1	5	59	4	84
October	99,566	46	2	12	5	1	7	73	8	106
November	101,013	39	3	10	4	1	4	61	4	70
December	100,700	56	3	14	5	4	9	91	8	137
January	101,452	48	3	8	1	3	4	67	1	114
February	102,182	34	3	10	1	2	5	55	3	66
March	102,246	30	3	12	7	2	4	58	11	85
April	102,453	62	1	7	3	4	10	87	5	125
May	103,109	44	2	17	6	2	5	76	4	94
June	103,231	55	3	13	1	...	6	78	11	106

(a) At end of period; includes commercial vehicles, cars and motor cycles and Commonwealth-owned vehicles, other than Defence Service vehicles.

(b) As determined at the time of accident. Accidents not involving casualties are required to be reported only in certain circumstances.

POST OFFICE ACTIVITY—TASMANIA.

Period.	Receipts of P.M.G.'s Department (a).	Broadcast Listeners' Licences.		Television Viewers' Licences.		Telephone Services Connected at End of Period.	
		New Issues.	In Force at End of Period.	New Issues.	In Force at End of Period.	Lines.	Instruments
1938-39	£ Monthly 39,053	Average. (b)	39,392	...	...	14,144	18,013
1952-53	144,806	559	70,710	...	...	29,214	39,429
1953-54	157,088	518	71,047	...	...	30,837	41,816
1954-55	165,209	451	71,745	...	...	33,245	45,501
1955-56	175,203	554	74,732	...	...	36,210	49,344
1956-57	199,617	388	73,459	...	...	38,937	53,059
1957-58	223,391	515	75,915	3	43	40,891	56,059
1958-59	234,346	569	76,419	3	74	43,346	59,839
1959-60	272,573	401	78,899	384	4,661	45,758	63,377
1960-61	302,611	393	77,419	1,222	18,991	(c) 48,871	66,609
1961-62	314,045	329	74,918	892	27,441	51,164	(e)
	Monthly Totals.			Monthly Total.			
1961-62—July	333,161	290	77,012	995	19,747	49,094	(d)
August	298,491	468	76,780	1,356	20,195	49,346	(d)
September	279,510	286	76,424	674	20,578	49,598	(d)
October	325,644	261	76,208	521	20,976	49,804	(d)
November	328,583	326	76,046	492	21,524	49,965	(d)
December	302,302	210	76,066	327	21,846	50,124	(d)
January	330,845	197	76,177	350	22,273	50,200	(d)
February	302,388	275	76,605	336	22,619	50,399	(d)
March	297,987	304	76,417	614	23,359	50,582	(d)
April	307,876	309	74,356	624	23,607	50,764	(d)
May	348,630	341	74,993	1,063	24,515	50,996	(d)
June	313,125	678	74,918	3,350	27,441	51,164	(e)
1962-63—July	357,748	504	74,955	2,684	30,056	51,469	(d)

(a) Actual collections.

(b) Not available.

(c) Available as at end of financial years only.

(d) Not yet available.

(e) Break in continuity of series; from July, 1930, figures include additional subscribers connected by means of the duplex system.

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND BANKING STATISTICS—TASMANIA.
£'000.

Period.	Consolidated Revenue.		Cheque-Paying Banks. (Including Commonwealth Trading Bank)				Savings Banks (a).	
	Receipts.	Expenditure.	Deposits. (b)	Advances. (b)	Bank Clearings— Weekly Averages (c)		Trustee Savings Banks— Hobart and Launceston.	Total (All Savings Banks).
					Hobart.	Launceston.		
1938-39	3,615	3,641	(d)	(d)	623	258	6,038	8,396
1955-56	18,011	17,896	34,281	22,291	3,962	1,700	22,899	37,211
1956-57	18,958	19,772	36,115	21,655	4,237	1,799	23,506	38,759
1957-58	20,802	21,614	36,019	21,498	4,427	1,957	24,122	40,241
1958-59	21,851	22,759	36,702	22,689	4,893	2,114	25,442	42,462
1959-60	24,296	25,328	38,503	23,140	6,062	2,496	27,257	46,356
1960-61	26,886	27,084	38,732	24,472	7,122	2,557	27,969	47,388
1961-62	30,318	30,676	39,547	24,667	7,118	2,554	29,257	51,230
1960-61—May	2,562	2,890	37,893	23,706	7,722	2,469	28,129	47,037
June	4,297	2,261	38,227	24,005	7,805	2,447	27,969	(f) 47,388
1961-62—July	1,586	1,527	37,975	24,382	7,574	2,615	28,241	47,753
Aug.	1,495	2,267	37,840	24,618	6,206	2,583	(g) 28,673	(g) 48,323
Sept.	2,915	2,522	37,950	24,580	6,283	2,226	(h) 28,904	(h) 48,758
Oct.	1,630	3,216	38,321	24,954	7,262	2,611	28,827	48,866
Nov.	1,883	3,085	38,391	25,242	6,386	2,252	28,810	49,006
Dec.	2,934	2,145	39,266	24,008	7,164	3,217	28,731	49,114
Jan.	1,913	1,492	39,664	24,161	5,905	1,902	28,788	49,305
Feb.	1,892	2,603	39,758	25,338	6,552	2,687	(i) 29,114	(i) 49,796
Mar.	2,990	2,776	41,201	23,991	8,026	3,104	(j) 29,348	(j) 50,135
April	3,122	3,119	41,648	25,171	7,305	2,453	29,259	50,053
May	2,788	3,033	41,051	24,893	8,811	2,586	29,202	50,281
June	(l) 5,170	(l) 2,891	41,381	24,597	8,005	2,645	29,257	(k) 51,230
1962-63—July	1,738	1,700	41,633	25,260	9,805	2,612	29,408	51,675

(a) At end of period.

(b) Average of weekly figures.

(c) Figures not exhaustive as cheques deposited in banks on which they are drawn are not included.

(d) Comparable figures not available.

(e) Trustee Savings Banks interest £446,000 added.

(f) Commonwealth Savings Bank interest, £507,000 added.

(g) Trustee Savings Bank interest, £259,000 added.

(h) Trustee Savings Bank interest, £220,000 added.

(i) Trustee Savings Bank interest, £278,000 added.

(j) Trustee Savings Bank interest, £235,000 added.

(k) Commonwealth Savings Bank interest, £581,000 added.

(l) Deficit for financial year 1961-62, £358,000 compared with deficit of £197,000 for 1960-61.

INTEREST RATES AND SECURITY YIELDS.
Per Cent Per Annum.

Date of Change in Rate	Trading Banks: Interest on Fixed Deposits.				Hobart Savings Bank.		Treasury Bills.	Commonwealth Government Securities (a).	
	3 Months.	6 Months.	12 Months.	24 Months.	Interest Rate (maximum) on Deposits.	Mortgage Rate on Advances for Homes.		Theoretical 2 Years.	Theoretical 15 Years.
1942—1st March	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.25	2.25	4.25	1.50	...	...
14th Mar.	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.25	4.25	1.50	...	...
1943—1st March	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.25	4.00	1.50	2.47	3.23
1st May	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.25	4.00	1.25	2.49	3.24
1944—17th Jan.	1.00	1.25	1.50	2.00	2.25	4.00	1.25	2.47	3.24
11th Aug.	0.50	0.75	1.25	1.75	2.25	4.00	1.25	2.43	3.24
1945—1st March	0.50	0.75	1.25	1.75	2.25	4.00	1.00	2.48	3.25
1st Dec.	0.50	0.75	1.00	(b) 1.50	2.25	4.00	1.00	2.46	3.25
1949—1st Jan.	0.50	0.75	1.00	(b) 1.50	2.25	3.87	1.00	2.10	3.10
1st May	0.50	0.75	1.00	(b) 1.50	2.25	3.87	0.75	2.00	3.13
1951—1st Sept.	0.50	0.75	1.00	(b) 1.50	2.25	4.00	0.75	2.04	3.83
1952—29th July	1.00	1.25	1.50	(c) 1.75	2.25	4.00	1.00	2.40	4.51
1st Aug.	1.00	1.25	1.50	(c) 1.75	2.25	4.50	1.00	2.58	4.49
1st Sept.	1.00	1.25	1.50	(c) 1.75	2.50	4.50	1.00	2.94	4.61
1955—1st Jan.	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.75	4.75	1.00	3.35	4.49
1956—1st March	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	3.00	5.00	1.00	4.68	5.12
15th Mar.	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	3.00	5.00	1.00	4.68	5.12
4th Dec.	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	3.00	5.00	1.00	4.69	5.09
1957—1st April	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	3.00	5.25	1.00	4.77	5.06
1st Nov.	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	3.00	5.50	1.00	4.43	5.00
1958—1st Nov.	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	3.25	5.50	1.00	4.24	4.96
1960—17th Nov.	4.00	4.00	4.50	(d)	3.25	5.50	1.00	5.35	5.19
1961—1st Jan.	4.00	4.00	4.50	(d)	3.50	5.75	1.00	5.50	5.34
1st July	4.00	4.00	4.25	(d)	3.75	5.75	1.00	4.93	5.34
1962—13th April	3.75	3.75	4.00	(d)	3.75	5.75	1.00	4.38	4.93
July	3.75	3.75	4.00	(d)	3.75	5.75	1.00	4.30	4.90

(a) Source: Reserve Bank. Yields are to last date of redemption and figures relate to last Wednesday in month. Since July, 1959, figures relate to theoretical 2 and 15 year securities. Previously yields were weighted averages of yields on securities maturing in 0-5 and 10 or more years respectively. Income

tax rebate of 2s. in the pound has not been taken into account.

(b) 1 per cent on amounts in excess of £10,000.

(c) 1.50 per cent on amounts in excess of £10,000.

(d) Maximum term of 12 months.

LIFE ASSURANCE BUSINESS—TASMANIA.

Period.	New Policies Issued (a)					New Loans Granted by Life Assurance Companies (b)			
	Ordinary Department (c)		Industrial Department		Total Sum Assured	On Mortgage of Real Estate	On Companies' Policies.	On Other Securities.	Total Loans Granted
	No.	Sum Assured	No.	Sum Assured					
Monthly Averages—		£'000.		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
1949-50	731	439	617	63	502	18	6	..	24
1950-51	796	549	664	72	621	38	6	..	44
1951-52	865	694	633	76	770	69	10	..	79
1952-53	855	726	624	83	809	49	10	13	72
1953-54	915	872	508	76	948	57	9	..	66
1954-55	1,029	1,051	465	72	1,123	136	10	..	146
1955-56	1,045	1,200	394	68	1,268	166	16	..	182
1956-57	1,007	1,269	406	72	1,341	166	18	1	185
1957-58	950	1,363	404	73	1,436	185	18	3	206
1958-59	1,082	1,520	387	75	1,595	194	21	2	217
1959-60	1,341	1,976	371	74	2,050	222	23	3	248
1960-61	1,337	2,223	339	88	2,311	218	38	1	257
1961-62	1,185	2,096	276	79	2,175	133	34	1	168
Monthly Totals—									
1961—Jan.	874	1,034	90	17	1,051	163	24	1	188
Feb.	807	1,176	300	75	1,251	195	43	1	239
Mar.	1,376	2,394	280	76	2,470	207	45	1	253
Apr.	1,096	1,877	301	82	1,959	82	38	..	120
May	1,351	2,179	367	93	2,272	232	47	1	280
June	1,460	2,722	409	110	2,832	150	43	..	193
1962—Jan.	609	892	95	24	916	104	23	1	128
Feb.	849	1,487	253	70	1,557	118	31	2	151
Mar.	1,178	2,159	327	99	2,258	82	37	3	122
Apr.	977	1,749	259	84	1,833	97	24	..	121
May	1,154	2,043	203	63	2,106	81	43	..	124
June	1,273	2,239	291	112	2,351	144	32	..	176

(a) Excludes annuity policies.

(b) Exclusive of advances of premiums.

(c) Includes superannuation business.

NUMBER AND AREA OF HOLDINGS AND FARM POPULATION—TASMANIA: 31st MARCH, 1962.

Statistical Division.	Number of Holdings.	Total Area of Holdings.	Average Area per Holding.	Persons Residing Permanently on Rural Holdings at 31st March, 1962.		
				Males.	Females.	Total.
	No.	Acres.	Acres.	No.	No.	No.
Urban	301	18,416	61	595	535	1,130
North-Western	4,153	1,096,184	264	9,749	8,834	18,583
North-Eastern	1,729	1,491,726	863	3,941	3,360	7,301
North Midland	943	678,281	719	2,335	2,170	4,505
Midland	737	1,749,175	2,373	2,216	1,894	4,110
South-Eastern	1,073	999,673	932	2,292	2,011	4,303
Southern	2,159	426,307	197	5,898	5,240	11,138
Western	22	91,141	4,143	19	12	31
TASMANIA:	11,117	6,550,903	589	27,045	24,056	51,101

FARM MACHINERY ON HOLDINGS—TASMANIA.

Particulars.	31st March,				
	1958.	1959.	1960.	1961.	1962.
Shearing Machines—					
Number of Stands	3,535	3,798	3,899	4,052	4,113
Milking Machines—					
Number of Stands	9,969	10,721	11,051	11,704	12,220
Ploughs	19,840	19,194	(a)	17,994	(a)
Rotary Hoes—					
Self Propelled	1,122	1,134	1,088	1,073	1,112
Tractor Drawn	513	525	548	576	605
Fertilizer Distributors and Broadcasters	4,488	4,767	4,911	5,096	5,172
Irrigation Plants—Power Driven	851	862	937	1,089	1,280
Grain Drills (all types)	3,832	3,871	3,840	3,867	3,899
Harvesting Machinery—					
Mowers—					
Power Drive	5,590	3,639	3,866	4,050	4,341
Ground Drive		2,000	1,887	1,603	1,510
Hay Rakes (all types)	3,942	4,021	4,046	4,200	4,237
Spraying Plants (Powered)—					
Fruit	1,316	1,273	1,226	1,171	1,165
Vegetables and Pasture	(a)	744	830	1,046	1,186
Potato Diggers	1,146	1,139	1,095	1,053	1,020
Tractors—					
Wheeled	7,395	7,838	8,240	8,641	9,035
Crawler	974	968	1,003	974	962

(a) Not collected.

RAINFALL OF TASMANIA IN DISTRICTS.

Index Showing Ratio of Actual to Average (a) Rainfall for each Month.

Period.	Agriculture, Dairying, and Mixed Farming.		Grazing (mainly Sheep).		Orcharding and Mixed Farming.		Dairy Farming.	Mining.
	Northern.	King Is.	Central Plateau.	Midlands.	Derwent Valley.	South-East.	East Coast.	West Coast.
1953	106	121	109	107	89	125	89	115
1954	92	104	79	79	81	106	90	89
1955	132	118	97	104	79	99	110	96
1956	141	138	128	142	111	148	169	110
1957	84	107	80	92	76	108	88	95
1958	108	114	109	121	126	149	124	107
1959	78	83	76	77	73	83	98	84
1960	109	139	109	115	98	116	122	95
1961	77	93	69	68	67	74	86	78
1961—May	55	103	59	53	69	78	43	103
June	81	116	117	64	101	97	72	135
July	96	143	70	87	85	143	152	79
August	72	93	67	74	81	100	110	45
September	38	60	74	57	65	84	42	64
October	70	94	45	35	30	54	45	82
November	74	68	62	64	58	40	131	65
December	138	64	73	53	51	66	193	99
1962—January	102	54	46	106	51	88	137	43
February	86	116	92	67	70	55	69	128
March	116	134	116	90	119	76	26	156
April	35	35	58	64	76	79	32	47
May	142	116	117	118	122	143	150	90
June	153	126	130	98	212	102	62	220
July	63	61	85	135	106	137	143	93

(a) Up to and including 1958 *average* rainfall for each year (represented by 100) is the average over the period 1911-1940. As from 1st January, 1959, a long period average from a selection of representative stations is used.

SEASONAL CONDITIONS—TASMANIA.

Rainfall.—Below average rainfall was general over the north of the State and parts of the West Coast and Derwent divisions during July, 1962. Over the remainder of Tasmania totals were above normal.

With the exception of an area in the central north, all agricultural areas received more than 60% of their normal rainfall. Greatest excesses occurred on the East Coast where totals were 2 to 2½ times the average. Most of the South-East, the Huon Valley and the Eastern Midlands received an excess of 50%. About normal falls occurred on much of the Central Plateau the Derwent and West Coast divisions.

Temperature.—Mean maximum temperatures were above normal throughout the whole of the State except for parts of the north and north-west. The readings closest to normal occurred in the south-west corner of the State. One station, Burnie, was almost three degrees above average.

The warmest area was again the East Coast where mean maxima for the month were in the upper fifties. Apart from the highland stations where the means were in the low to middle forties, other parts of the State recorded means in the low fifties.

Mean night temperatures were above normal in all districts.

Frosts.—Widespread general moderate to heavy frosts were reported on the 13th, 16th and 17th of the month.

Fairly general moderate frosts occurred on the 20th, 27th and 29th. On most other mornings frosts were light and were restricted to inland highland areas.

Snow and Floods.—The heaviest and most widespread snow of the year fell on the 3rd July. In the South and West of the State the snow-line descended to 400 feet.

Heavy rain in eastern Tasmania during the 24 hours to 9 a.m. on 25th resulted in moderate to severe flooding in rivers in this area. Widespread moderate to severe flooding also occurred on 25th and 26th in the South Esk River and tributaries, the Macquarie, the Elizabeth and the Wye Rivers and other minor eastern streams. Some northern rivers rose to flood level on 31st.

Water Supplies.—Good to excellent throughout the whole of the State.

Pastures.—Mostly fair to good. East Coast and Flinders Island poor but improving.

TASMANIAN OFFICE PUBLICATIONS SINCE PREVIOUS ISSUE MIMEOGRAPHED STATISTICAL STATEMENTS.

S.S. 1962: No. 36—Wool Production Statistics, Tasmania: Year 1961-62.

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